

Practicing the Presence of God: Rejoice and Request!

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

We often talk about the presence of God, but how do we live in it? Brother Lawrence once said, "The most holy and necessary practice in our spiritual life is the presence of God... finding constant pleasure in His divine company, speaking humbly and lovingly with Him in all seasons, at every moment." This is the heart of true worship – not merely learning about God but learning to walk with Him as well. Psalm 139 shows us two ways to do that: rejoice in who God is and request His help to live fully for Him.

Rejoice: God Knows You, Loves You, and Is Always With You

In Psalm 139, David rejoices in three powerful truths. The first truth is, "God knows me" (v.1-4). God knows our every thought, every motive, and every word. He knows even the ones we don't understand ourselves, and yet He still loves us. The second truth is "God is with me" (v.5-12). Wherever we go, even in our darkest moments, God is there to hold us steady. His presence is not something for us to fear, but to treasure. The last truth David rejoices is this: "God made me" (v.13-16). No one is an accident. God formed each person on this earth with purpose and care. Even before we were born, our life was already written in God's book.

Overwhelmed by these truths, David stops and says, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me" (Psalm 139:6). David's response was worship – responding with awe and joy to who God is and how much He cares for us.

Request: Ask God to Protect and Lead You

David ends his psalm with two powerful prayers. First, he asks the Lord to protect him, not just from people, but from the real enemy of our souls (Ephesians 6:12). David recognized that we need God's shield every day. The second thing David asked was, "Lord, search and lead me." He invited God to look deep into his heart, to expose anything false, and to lead him into living a life that honors God.

At the end of the day, living in God's presence is not about perfection. It is about our connection to Him. If we want to live in God's presence, we ought to rejoice in who He is and request His help to walk with Him daily. That is the beginning of true worship.

last week's memory verse

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me and know my anxious thoughts;
And see if there be any hurtful way in me,
And lead me in the everlasting way.

PSALM 139:23-24

discuss this message

- The Lord knows everything about you and is with you everywhere you go. How should that impact your daily life?
- The Lord made you and has a divine plan for your life. What will you do to better align with God's plan and purpose?
- Take time to let the Lord search your heart. Any anxieties or hurtful ways? What will you do about these?

WATCH THE CONCISE
VERSION OF THIS MESSAGE:

<https://go.ccf.org.ph/RunThrough>

DOWNLOAD THIS SUNDAY'S
4WS EVERY MONDAY!

ccf.org.ph/4ws/

Are you sure of your life choices?

Let's talk about it. See you at the Welcome Center!

step into community

Fellowship and learn together with people like you!

WOMEN2WOMEN ALL WOMEN

Radiance: Life Lived in Purity

with Claire de Vera

May 22, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

CONNECT WITH THEM ONLINE

  ccfwomen2women
 CCFWomen2WomenMinistry

MOVEMEN+ ALL MEN 18 Y/O AND UP

Wicked Men (How NOT to Be Like Them)

May 24, Saturday, 2:00 PM, Room 2A

CONNECT WITH THEM ONLINE

  movingmentochrist

NXTGEN KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

Psalm 120-134: Up We Go! Worship Playlist

Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM
G/F CCF Center (ages 4-12)

BIBLE LESSON PREMIERE: for ages 4-12

9:00 AM at   ccfnxtgen

ZOOM: for ages 7-12; 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM
message us on Facebook to sign-up

RESOURCES:

<https://linktr.ee/NXTGENFamilyResources>



June 5 to 7
CCF Center

PHP800 for commitment card holders
PHP1,000 for regular tickets
Get tickets at any CCF Satellite
or online at moveconference.org.ph

Jeremy Camp: Live at the CCF Center

June 20 and 21, 7:00 PM, Main Hall

TICKET PRICE: PHP300

each ticket helps Uplift Cares provide
educational help to those in need

Get tickets at ticketmax.ph

learn more about our faith

Be GLC-Equipped in your Discipleship Journey!

GLC LEVEL 1, 2, 3

Be a Disciple, Discipler, and a Multiplier

Starting in June 2025

Can't attend GLC F2F or GLC Zoom?

Use the E-Learning format
or do GLC in your DGroups!

Power-Up: What If You're Stuck? (Breaking the Monotony in Small Groups)

May 18, Sunday, 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM

2/F Annex Bldg.

True Life Retreat: BELIEVE

May 23 & 24, Friday & Saturday

8:00 AM, CCF Center

REGISTRATION FEE: PHP1,200

(inclusive of materials, T-shirt, and lunch)

BE PART OF GLC CLASSES AND
EVENTS: linktr.ee/ccfglc

step up and volunteer

No better way to serve God than to serve His people!

Is God calling you to serve?

Volunteer with us!



Register at [go.ccf.org.ph/
VolunteerSignUp](http://go.ccf.org.ph/VolunteerSignUp)
or scan the QR code

YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here
for His purpose.

God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful
life with Him in the present and gain
eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God,
He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps
His covenant and His lovingkindness** to
a thousandth generation with those who
love Him and keep His commandments
– Deuteronomy 7:9*

God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us
from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from
God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23*

God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for
us to be reconciled to Him: through His
son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the
cross for our sins and be raised to life for
eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love
toward us, in that while we were yet
sinners, Christ died for us. Much more
then, having now been justified by His
blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of
God through Him. – Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life;
no one comes to the Father but through
Me. – John 14:6*

God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we
are forgiven of our sins and saved from
eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave
His only begotten Son, that whoever
believes in Him shall not perish, but have
eternal life. – John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved through
faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift
of God; not as a result of works, so that no
one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9*

Would you like to place your faith in Jesus Christ today?

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I
am a sinner. I believe that You died on
the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your
help, I will turn away from my sins. Please
come into my life and be my Savior and
my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal
life. Make me the kind of new person You
want me to be. Thank You for giving me
eternal life. Amen.

God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life
when you trust in Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has
given us eternal life, and this life is in His
Son. He who has the Son has the life; he
who does not have the Son of God does
not have the life. These things I have
written to you who believe in the name of
the Son of God, so that you may know that
you have eternal life. – 1 John 5:11-13*



Services at the CCF Center

Saturdays

4:00 PM

6:30 PM

Sundays

9:00 AM, 12:00 NN

3:00 PM, 6:00 PM

Sunday Livestreams

 ccf.org.ph  ccfmain  ccfmainTV
starts 30 minutes before each service

Visit ccf.org.ph/live/broadcast-channels/ for TV and radio airing schedules.
Go to ccf.org.ph/chronicle/ to download this Chronicle.